

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Walter G. Dixon, et al.
Serial No.: 10/627,858
Filing Date: July 25, 2003
Confirmation No.: 2644
Group Art Unit: 2114
Examiner: Joshua A. Lohn
Title: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR PROVIDING
REDUNDANT DATA LOAD SHARING IN A
DISTRIBUTED NETWORK

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

NOTICE OF APPEAL

In response to the Advisory Action mailed November 21, 2006, Applicant respectfully requests the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences to reconsider the rejections to the claims and the objections to the Application.

REMARKS

This Application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Advisory Action mailed November 21, 2006. Applicant respectfully requests consideration and favorable action in this Application.

Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decisions of the Examiner mailed November 21, 2006 and September 6, 2006 finally rejecting the pending claims.

This application is filed on behalf of a large entity.

Attached herewith is a Request for Pre-Appeal Brief Review for consideration with this Notice of Appeal.

Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of BAKER BOTTS L.L.P. an amount of \$500.00 to satisfy the Notice of Appeal fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(b).

CONCLUSION

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any other fees or credit any overpayments associated with this Application to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of BAKER BOTTS L.L.P.

Respectfully submitted,

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